

Minutes for Church Council – Bedington UMC  
March 17, 2014

The following members were present: Chair – Jerry Leishman, Pastor John Rudisill, Pastor Bowers, Beth Sandy, Gail Boarman, Nancy Deeds, Teresa Jainniny, Steve Joswick, Jan Adams, Toni Sigler, Steve Hose, Paige Davis, Forest Webb, Kathleen E. Wright. Jerry Leishman opened with prayer.

Approval of Previous Minutes:

There was a clarification of the previous minutes on the cancellation of the Incentive program it was under the SPRC heading, and therefore it was canceled by the SPRC. After clarification Steve Hose motioned minutes be passed 2<sup>nd</sup> by Forest Webb. Minutes approved.

Finance:

Steve Hose reiterated that the reason for the Church Council was for better communication. He feels however that at this point we are getting less communication from the various ministries. Jerry Leishman suggested and enacted that the minutes from the various ministries be sent to the Church Council Secretary to be distributed to each Council member so that the Council will be up to date on each ministry, and to be better prepared to assist in any of their needs. SPRC will send a condensed version due to the privacy and sensitive nature of their ministry. Pastor Bowers stated that not having the two committees that of Administrative Board and COM that the Council has to really keep in touch and up with the various ministries. Pastor John stated there are two issues with that arise with a Church Council: 1<sup>st</sup> being that a Church Council for business and ministries (missions) can degenerate to business meeting and not ministries (missions). Which goes back to communication and the various committees. 2<sup>nd</sup> Making sure were not just doing just business and that we strategize on Missions and our Ministries. Forest Webb stated that at the COM the Ministries were talked about and the other Ministries could help and were there, but with this system the Ministries are working more independently. Jerry Leishman stated we need to bring in a calendar to see whatever event is coming up next so that we can ask that ministry what they need and how we can help. Steve Hose asked if we could centralize the calendar, and this needs to be done with Loralee Miller's help. Steve Hose also asked about the growth of the Church, because to remain solvent we need to grow membership. Steve feels we need a committee to do this because it is falling between the cracks. Toni Sigler felt that this issue is one of the Evangelism Committees purposes. Paige Davis who is one of the Evangelism Committees representatives (welcome Paige) replied we will be having a Lay Witness Mission in November. Paige also said they could check into some mailings. Pastor John said that evangelism is the work of every member and everyone in the Church. He said an example of this was the recent directory committees work. They contacted people who maybe hadn't been to Church in awhile or we haven't heard from and just reached out. This was not tasked to the Evangelism committee but it was Evangelism. Another example is the upcoming Palm Sunday event, it is a form of outreach. Both Pastor John and Beth Sandy are working on the need to build from the VBS list to help bring in the children and families for this event, since it is also combining the Easter Egg Hunt. The combination of the VBS and Sunday School Picnic, with the Sunday School Teacher's being there to meet, greet, and let people know about our Sunday School programs. Another project in the works is a Roots Reunion this will happen during the Jr. Youth group time frame so that there will be babysitting as well as spiritually feeding the children. The age range for the reunion group is between 20 & 30 years old. Pastor John finished in saying that everything we do needs to be evangelism and we need to reenact our Evangelism Committee. Steve Hose feels we need to get them thru the door, people that is. Pastor John stated that 60% of all people who do come, come because a friend asked them. Jerry Leishman suggested each person invite a friend to come to the Church. The Council agreed to use both marketing and invitation.

Trustees:

Steve Joswick reported that the painting in the Sanctuary have been completed at a cost of \$2,480.00, and that Glenn Miller provided the extra support for the ceiling in the Sanctuary at an additional cost of \$750.00. The painting in the Narthex and hallway have begun today at a cost of \$1,380.00, and the ceiling tile will be painted at an additional cost of \$950.00. The flooring in the Sunday School rooms and Fellowship Hall have been looked at and several option are being looked into. Because these tiles may contain asbestos it is better to cover and seal them than to pull them up, it is also a safe alternative. We can use tile but the floors are uneven so therefore we have contacted Kirby Concrete for an estimate to pour concrete that will not only seal but level the floor, it can also be stained, a second estimate will be obtained as required by the Church. It is also under discussion as to what to do with the Sunday School room floors, since they do have water issues. Do we put drains, Forest Webb asked if we could get someone who specializes in this to take a look at it and give us some suggestions. Steve Hose made mention that at St. James they used some kind of sprayed plastic flooring. Pastor John stated that the Trustees are working on it and will continue to do so. A donation was made anonymously for the front walkway, one estimate has been given by Kirby and a second will be obtained. Thank you for your donation. The Trustees are also looking into what the cost would be for an additional walkway to the driveway on the left side of the blg.(if you are looking out of the church). Alfred Schuech is also purchasing the materials to tune-up the mower for the season at an estimated cost of \$200.00 to \$250.00. There is a work day scheduled for March 29, 2014 they will be mulching around playground, the rest of the mulching will be on hold until the ramp and sidewalk are installed. Butlers is providing the mulch and spread around. Outside light on left side – repair as light keep blowing. Antenna taken down at the New Parsonage, and the Spouting outside repaired. Jan Adams asked if the Trustees are checking into the bat problem, and they will be discussing at the next meeting. The next Trustees meeting is May 5, 2014. Steve Hose asked if the repairs to the organ speakers had been made they had but there were 3options with three different amounts and on 2/28/14 option 1 was voted on at a cost of \$300.00 but option 2 was what was paid at a cost of \$700.00. Steve Joswick said the 3 option were brought down to 2 and that both speakers were replaced and it was actually option 2 that was voted on, thus the cost difference.

Vision Statement:

Since Forest Webb introduced a Mission statement he was asked his opinion on the 2 versions. Pastor John wrote it on the board. Steve Hose and Jan Adams feel that the word growth in Forests version was used too much, it was used 3x's might be a bit redundant, so under the Mission portion we scratched it out. The reason Forest said he used the verbiage he did was because of what was said in January's minutes of excepting everyone. Jan Adams feels that the Mission statement on the website now is better than using the one Forest did. All Council members felt Forest did a great job in writing a Mission Statement. Forest also mentioned that he just visited his sons church

in Tenn. And that the people were more welcoming to everyone especially those that were new, and we need to do this in our church. It was discussed the difference between Mission and Vision. Pastor John stated that in the current vernacular Mission is who we are, Vision is what we are. He further stated that the best Mission Statement is one everyone can remember, example the one they used in Ellicott City was 3 panels with one panel a basin, one a towel etc. it reminded them to be a servant, and reminded them of their mission. Our Church could do something similar. We came up with these ideas of welcome, relationship with Christ, receive the gift of salvation, we translated that into:

SWORDS 1- Seek , 2- Welcome, 3- Openness to all, 4-Relationship, 5- Draw close to God and each other, 6- Serve the world = SWORDS. Jerry Leishman said he could ask his nephew if he could come up with some kind of graphic like crest (shield with crossed swords ex.). Forest Webb asked how are we going to put SWORDS into wording in a Mission Statement. It was asked if we could all think on this and at the next meeting discuss this.

New Business:

Beth Sandy reported that on March 23<sup>rd</sup> there will be a meeting for the Walk with Jesus program, and that there are about 40 people involved. These are a lot of 2<sup>nd</sup> service as well as those who do not attend Sunday School, and that most all have been receptive to doing the program. After the meeting the Ice Social will be held by the Unity Committee. On Sunday April 6<sup>th</sup> the middle school will be stuffing eggs, and Forest Webb reported that the Spaghetti Supers bake sale is to pay for the egg fillings. Beth also reported that the dress rehearsal will be April 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm. , with the event being on Palm Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup>. The program consists of 5 stations they will be dividing the Church into the 5 groups with the 1<sup>st</sup> group when done hiding the Easter Eggs and the last group being the kids who will seek the eggs. There will be a movie in the Sanctuary to keep the kids occupied. At the end there will be a luncheon and then the hunt for eggs. Beth has planned it all out and gotten a lot of good response. For the first year it will be kept to Bible school contacts and the Church and surrounding area, so as to keep it kinda small (not to big too fast). Easter Sunday the younger children will be singing and the middle school will be doing the children s message. The rest of this year's events up to August are as follows July 27<sup>th</sup> right after church- Sunday School/VBS Picnic, August 27<sup>th</sup> Roots Reunion/JYG at JD's Event. Toni Sigler reported our water bill for the Church bldg. Not the Op since they are separate bill had almost doubled for this past month it went from \$3,200.00 up to \$7,500.00 . Toni e-mailed Jerry Leishman and called Butch Catrow. The Trustees are going to check into the usage to make sure there are no leaks, also please note this bill was for water and sewage both. Teresa Janniney texted Alfred Schuech to let him know and to please check for leaks also. Steve Hose was asked can he put anything on the website, he stated yes but he is not good with pictures. Jerry Leishman asked if we filmed something could we link it thru you-tube and the answer was yes. Forest Webb asked if we could add a link ex. The #Flegwots, Steve said yes it could be done. Forest Webb asked why we had the condensed minutes, it was explained it was another way of openness and communication. After which Pastor John asked for feedback , were they notice or not? Jan Adams felt they were and it was the consensus of the Council that with these people had the option of reading them or not. It was also noted that the Church Council Secretary will have up to 2 weeks to get these minutes (Council) written and distributed. At this point Pastor John brought to our attention that we have 23 persons-families that are not in Church due to illness, being shut in, we need to remember them and prayer for their health and return. Our evangelism need to be prayer for our Church Family those here and not here and those to come.

Tasks for Next Meeting:

- Wording for our Mission Statement for acronym SWORDS
- Centralization of a Calendar
- Make sure Ministries Minutes are sent to Church Council Secretary for Distribution before next meeting

**OUR MOST IMPORTANT TASK ALWAYS IS TO PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY & CHURCH & THOSE TO COME!!!**

No more business Pastor John closed us in prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathleen E. Wright  
Recording Secretary